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2023 EXPUNGEMENT SUMMIT FAQs

1. When is this year's summit?

February 18, 2023

2. Where will the Summit take place?

For those registrants who want to have their appointment in person, the location is TBA. You will also have the choice of attending your appointment via Zoom. You will make your selection of in person or via Zoom when you register for the event.

3. How do I register for the Summit?

You will go to this website to register: <https://tinyurl.com/ChampaignCo2022>

4. Is there a deadline for registration for the Summit?

Yes, you must register for the Summit no later than December 17, 2022.

5. Is there a registration fee for the Summit?

The Summit is free of charge, including fingerprinting, and the attorney consultation.

6. What do I need to do after I register for the Summit?

You will need to sign up for an appointment to get your fingerprints taken by one of our participating police agencies. These appointments will be available starting October 25, so the sooner you register, the sooner you can get your appointment.

The fingerprinting is vital because this is the only way we can get your complete criminal record (RAP sheet) from the Illinois State Police. That's important so that we make sure that we can help you address all of your cases, charges and arrests as part of this process. You must go to this appointment in order to complete the preparation of your case(s) for your attorney consultation.

7. Is there any difference between having my attorney consultation in person or doing it on the computer?

No. Volunteer attorneys will be doing all of the consultations. Once you sign in for your appointment, you and your attorney consultant will be moved into an individual “room” for your meeting.

8. Am I eligible for expungement or sealing?

There is a fact sheet attached to this handout that gives you the basic information about eligibility. Your attorney consultation will then give you the specific details you need to know about what you are eligible to do.

9. What is the difference between expungement and sealing of my records?

The big difference is who has access to your records after expungement or sealing has happened. Expunged records are only available in very specific instances as outlined on the fact sheet. Sealed records are available in specific instances, but to a broader group of organizations as outlined on the fact sheet.

10. How long does it take for my records to be sealed or expunged after the Summit?

Once your petition is filed with the office, it must be sent out to the agencies that have an interest in your case. Those agencies have 60 days to respond to your petition after they get it. Your case then goes to the Judge assigned to these cases for review and a decision as to whether a hearing is necessary.

This entire process will take about 5-6 months after your petition is filed, because the reviewing Judge needs the time to review the many cases he or she will receive.

11. Who can I contact if I have any questions about the Summit?

Please contact Champaign County Circuit Clerk Susan W. McGrath at smcgrath@co.champaign.il.us if you have any questions.